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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of C.C.B.C. will be held on March 21st, Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. We will be meeting, as usual at CONFRONT, 1130 Walnut Street. This meeting, originally planned as a Discussion Meeting must be preceded this time by a short business meeting.

MS. CAROL BLOCK, recently elected and esteemed Co-chair of C.C.B.C. has resigned her office in order to devote her full attention to the passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. You will remember in the last newsletter we announced that this legislation was in serious difficulty. The seven year limit originally established for ratification MUST be extended by a bill now pending before Congress. The anti-ERA forces, funded by very BIG money, and led and supported by the most conservative groups in the country have succeeded in blocking the ratification effort, and the extension of the deadline is under tremendously heavy pressure, since they understand very clearly, that the extension would mean ratification and passage. NOW, leading the ERA fight in combination with most of the women's groups in the country, has made the Extension Bill a No. 1, national emergency priority. Ms. Dixie White, C.C.B.C. member and President of Pennsylvania NOW, has taken a leave of absence from her work to devote her full time to Extension. The situation is that serious. The first and greatest need in this fight is names of persons who are willing to have their names used in the Extension effort. It is proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that the overwhelming majority of Americans favor the ERA. RIGHT NOW, every one of those supporters must be heard from by Congress, or it will be years before the ERA achieves its rightful place in our tradition. Surely, we who know so well what it is to live without the adequate protection of rights understand the pressing need. The second need is MONEY. Every resource is being thrown into this fight. Make no mistake that this is the issue the Conservatives have chosen to prove that their beliefs prevail in this country. Gay rights, abortion, prayer in the schools, the rights of the poor, are some of the brushfires they have used to inflame the nation against the ERA. It is no accident that every single one of these other issues gets tied, by them, to the ERA. WE lost in Miami. It was the only an opening gambit in a fight which is a long way from a climax. GET INVOLVED. NOW. Or lose.

C.C.B.C. must elect a new Co-Chairperson (female) within a month. Any member (female) of the organization is eligible to fill this office, whether or not they currently fill another office. It will not be easy to follow the precedent of Ms. Block, a dedicated and experienced leader. C.C.B.C., however, is distinguished by the support it gives to its leadership, and we are confident that another woman will step up to the call.

THE LAST MEETING

By-laws were adopted at the last meeting of C.C.B.C. With very few, and minor changes, the by-laws authored by Tim, Sarah, and Terri passed. The authors, meeting on a single afternoon, are to be congratulated and thanked for a really great job. The by-laws establish a steering committee composed of the officers and committee chairpersons which is responsible for seeing that the work of the organization is being carried through, and several committees which have to be established. Copies of the by-laws, as adopted will be sent with the newsletter, just as soon as we can accomplish the task of getting them

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